

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 17, 19-26, 29-33, 53-58, 61-66 and 96-120 are pending in the present application. Of these, claims 17, 31, 53, 96 and 110 are independent. Claims 22 and 57 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 32 was objected to for an informality which has been addressed.

Claims 17, 19-21, 23-33 and 96-109 were rejected as being indefinite. Claims 17 and 96 have been amended to provide antecedent basis for the transmission, the first motor and the output shaft.

Claims 17, 19-21, 23-27, 30, 32, 33 and 86 were rejected as being anticipated by Holmes (U.S. Patent No. 6,540,631).

Claims 53-56, 58, 61-66 and 110-120 have been allowed.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 96-109 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness objection. Claim 96 has been amended to obviate the objection thereby placing claims 96-109 in condition for allowance.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 28, 29 and 31 would be allowed if rewritten into independent form. Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations of dependent claims 27 and 28 and claim 31 has been amended into independent form thereby placing all claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-412-3322.

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